



# 2011-2012 Statement of Understanding California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program



NAME (LAST, FIRST M.)	RANK
The Statement of Understanding highlights the California Education Code Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3, commencing with section 69999.10 pertaining to the application and participation in the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP). The Statement of Understanding is to assure that you are aware of critical information that affects your participation in the program should you be selected.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:** (Initial in the box after reading each element.)

I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree that:

- a. I must adhere to all application, program, and institutional deadlines. ☐
- b. I have been a resident of California for at least one year at the time of application. ☐
- c. The Adjutant General will annually identify the skills most needed by the California National Guard to retain members who possess, or seek to possess, those identified skills. ☐
- d. My enlistment obligation takes precedence over my academic work. Military duties may require me, temporarily; to interrupt my academic program to serve annual training periods, active duty training exercises, required service school, state active duty, mobilizations, or other active military service. ☐
- e. I understand that I must have two (2) years of service in the California National Guard, State Military, or the Naval Militia to apply for the CNG EAAP. ☐
- f. I will remain an active member of the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia. I understand the term "active member" to be my full conformance to the military standards for attendance, personal appearance, weight, discipline, and any other standard established by military regulations. ☐
- g. I must complete and submit the CNG EAAP application for the 2011-2012 academic year. ☐
- h. I must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year I am applying for by the application deadline date to be considered as a priority applicant. Otherwise, I must complete the FAFSA prior to being considered for acceptance into the program. ☐
- i. I must complete and submit this Statement of Understanding by the application deadline to be considered as a priority applicant. Otherwise, I must submit this completed Statement of Understanding prior to being considered for acceptance into the program. This Statement of Understanding must be reviewed and certified by my Unit Commander. ☐
- j. I am responsible for reporting educational benefits I receive from the federal Montgomery GI Bill or any other federal educational benefits program for veterans. I must report changes to the CNG EAAP Coordinator. ☐
- k. I must notify the CNG EAAP Coordinator about any changes in my contact information (phone number, e-mail address, or mailing address), institution changes, or a break in attendance. ☐
- l. I may not be selected to participate in the CNG EAAP at the time of initial or subsequent applications due to:
  - The limited number of award recipients authorized by State statute;
  - The availability of funds authorized by the approved/adjusted annual State Budget;
  - And/or, scoring of the application within the selection criteria.☐

- m. I must enroll and attend an eligible institution for a minimum of 3 academic units per semester, or the equivalent, to be eligible for the program. ☐
- n. I must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at an eligible institution. ☐
- o. If I attend a California community college, I may be awarded up to the maximum of the Cal Grant B award; ☐

If I attend a University of California or California State University or an eligible non-public institution, I may be awarded up to the maximum of the Cal Grant A award;

If I attend an eligible institution for graduate studies, I will be awarded up to the maximum of the Cal Grant A award plus \$500.00 for books and supplies.

- p. The program will be available for the equivalent of 4 full-time academic years. Upon receiving an award in the CNG EAAP, my eligibility will decrease incrementally based on my academic status (i.e., quarter time, half-time, three-quarter time, or full-time). Eligibility will be figured with 400% signifying 4 full-time academic years. As the award is utilized, the percentage will decrease as stated in the schedule below: ☐

- Full-time Semester or Trimester 50%
- Full-time Quarter 33.33%
- Part-time
  - i. Semester or Trimester
    - Three-quarter 37.5%
    - Half-time 25%
    - Quarter-time 12.5 %
  - ii. Quarter
    - Three-quarter 25%
    - Half-time 16.67%
    - Quarter-time 8.33%

I may receive benefits until my 400% of eligibility runs out or I become ineligible to remain in the program. I understand there are allowances for educational programs that require a 5<sup>th</sup> year of instruction, contingent upon funds being authorized and available.

- q. I cannot receive both a CNG EAAP award payment and a Cal Grant award payment for the same academic year. ☐
- r. I certify all funds received will be used for education related expenses. ☐

I, the undersigned, acknowledge I have read the Statement of Understanding. I understand all obligations, responsibilities, and standards set forth.

NAME (LAST, FIRST M.)		LAST 4 SSN
CONTACT PHONE	CONTACT E-MAIL	
SIGNATURE		DATE

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER**

By my signature, I am certifying the individual identified above is an active member in the California National Guard or the State Military Reserve.

NAME	RANK	UNIT
SIGNATURE		DATE